GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Higher Education Programme
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made some amendments in Joint Declaration of Intent signed between India and Germany in Higher Education Programme;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such amendments;
(c) the details of funding to be made available for implementation of Indo-German Partnerships in Higher Education Programme; and
(d) the manner in which the higher education institutions in both the countries will benefit mutually to enhance innovative partnerships in the field of education, research and skill development?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani)

(a) & (b): Yes, madam. An MoU dated 11th April, 2013 was signed between the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany on "Indo-German Strategic Partnership in Higher Education". The program is to be jointly funded by both the ministries for an initial period of four years i.e. 2015-2019. However, with the mutual consent of both the parties, the programme has been renamed as "Indo-German Partnership in Higher Education". Duration of the programme has also been changed from 2015-2019 to 2016-2020 as it would take some time to prepare initial documents for inviting calls for joint projects. These changes have been incorporated through the Joint Declaration of Intent signed between the two countries on 05th October, 2015.
(c) Each side will provide a total of 3.5 million Euros for the program period of four years.
(d) "Indo-German Partnership in Higher Education Programme" encourages intensive partnerships at the institutional level. It will focus on establishing joint projects that will include joint supervision and student exchange and enhance long term partnerships between Indian and German Institutions of Higher Education.
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